

Supervisor Pam Slater-Price

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Supervisor Pam Slater-Price receives a commemorative plaque acknowledging her support of the Harvset Fest fund-raiser from representatives of the Encinitas Lions Club. Honoring her are, from left: Jim Engert, Y's men organization; Dr. Tom Fay, first vice president of the Encinitas Lions Club; and Scott Leslie, Lions vice governor of 4L6 District, representing San Diego and Imperial counties.

Lions Club Honors Slater-Price; Visually Impaired Assisted

Recognizing her continued support, Supervisor Pam Slater-Price was honored Jan. 28 by the Encinitas Lions Club, saluting her support of club efforts to assist the visually impaired.

Supervisor Slater-Price allocated a \$5,000 county grant last October to the Lions to assist with costs associated with its Harvest Fest fund-raiser.

Focusing on efforts to help those coping with sight impairments, the Lions host an annual Surf Day for the Visually Impaired, a rummage sale, and a Woody Pancake Breakfast at Moonlight Beach. Proceeds are used to purchase eye glasses for children and adults who cannot afford them.

"With this grant from Supervisor Slater-Price, the Lions will be able to build on our current efforts in the community and extend our outreach even further to those in need," explained Dr. Tom Fay, the club's first vice president. "We would

like to present Supervisor Slater-Price this commemorative plaque as a token of appreciation for her support of Harvest Fest."

"I deeply appreciate the efforts of the Encinitas Lions to help those in need" said Supervisor Slater-Price. "The commitment shown by the Lions year after year is tremendous,"

In addition to accepting the Lions' public gratuity, the Supervisor updated the group about the current county business.

"The County of San Diego has a balanced budget again this year and our reserve fund has grown to \$760 million," said Supervisor Slater-Price.

"Our credit rating increased last year to AA+, which means San Diego has one of the highest urban county credit rating in California. The bottom line is this credit rating will save taxpayers millions because the county will pay less interest when it borrows money to build projects."



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SDSU Salutes Slater-Price

Supervisor Pam Slater-Price will be honored with a Monty Award from the San Diego State University Alumni Association for her significant contributions to SDSU and the San Diego community. The ceremony takes place March 29.

Slater-Price is a graduate of the university's College of Arts and Letters. The Monty honors alumni from each of SDSU's seven academic colleges for "significant contributions to San Diego State University, the San Diego community, or the State of California, nationally or internationally."

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Gang Task Force Is Being Formed

Efforts to curb the destructive influence gangs have in their communities are advancing, with the Board of Supervisors slated to appoint members to the new the North County Regional Gang Task Force in March co-sponsored by Supervisor Pam Slater-Price.

"These criminal enterprises must be disassembled," said Supervisor Pam Slater-Price. "And we cannot expect our law enforcement to handle this problem

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News of Note

Property Tax Relief Is Available

Owners can seek tax relief if their property's market value has fallen below its assessed value, shown in the upper right hand corner of a tax bill. For all practical purposes, this likely only affects those property owners who purchased their property at the height of the current real estate market.



Under state law, (Prop. 8) a temporary reduction in assessed value can be made when the market value falls below the assessed value. Once reduced, the Assessor's Office will review the value of the property annually. When the value increases, the assessed value will also be increased but no higher than the original assessed value (plus the annual CPI increase, not to exceed 2%).

Owners should file an "Application for Review of Assessment" as soon as possible but no later than May 30. They need to provide their opinion of value and supporting documentation, such as comparable sales, current listings or a recent appraisal. This application is available at www.sdarcc.com, at all Assessor branch offices, or by phoning (858) 505-6262.

Harris To Continue Serving

Dr. Gloria Harris was reappointed by Supervisor Pam Slater-Price to the county Mental Health Board. Her term expires on Dec. 31, 2010. The appointment was approved by Supervisors in late January.

Slater-Price To Represent County On 21 Committees

Affirming her commitment to the environment, economic vitality, maintaining adequate clean water, and helping the youth of San Diego County, Supervisor Pam Slater-Price will serve on 21 committees and/or regional panels in 2008.

"I am honored that my colleagues value my judgment and experience serving on these regional panels that protect and enhance the quality-of-life of all San Diegans," said Supervisor Slater-Price. "It will be an exciting, if not busy, year. This county faces numerous challenges to make sure we are not penalized for the state's massive deficit. Our mantra of good government based on sound fiscal discipline will be followed."

Supervisor Slater-Price will serve on the Board of Supervisors' committees:

- I-15 Riverside/County, which works to reduce congestion and commute times on the north-south roadway.
- Multiple Species Conservation Program, the county's award-winning comprehensive program that protects sensitive habitat.
- Multiple Species Conservation Program Review.
- Summit on Aging, focusing on senior issues.
- Santee Town Center Plan, which coordinates the county property.
- Clean Water subcommittee.
- Tri-Cities Municipal Water District Property Tax Exchange ad hoc subcommittee.

Other panels that Supervisor Slater-Price was named to include:

- Economic Development Policy Committee of the California State Association of Counties.
 - Board of directors of the Encina Financing Joint Powers Authority.
 - Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Task Force.
 - Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force.
 - San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority.
 - San Diego County Mental Health Board.
 - San Diego County Regional Auto Theft Task Force.
 - San Diego County Safe Kids Coalition.
 - San Diego Workforce Partnership policy board (alternate member).
 - Southern California Hazardous Waste Management Board (joint powers authority).
 - Vista-County of San Diego Building Authority.
 - North San Diego County Transit Development Board.
 - San Diego County Water Authority.
- Supervisor Slater-Price will also serve on several panels under the auspice of SANDAG, the regional planning organization, of which she is the alternate representative for the county for when Chairman Cox has a conflict with a meeting:
- Regional Housing Task Force.
 - Shoreline Preservation Working Group.
 - SANDAG Regional Planning Committee.
 - SANDAG Borders Committee.
 - SANDAG Public Safety Committee.



Interactive Map Is All Wet

An innovative plan to raise awareness of the aquatic environment in the La Jolla Ecological Reserve off La Jolla Shores advances. The map contains bronze reliefs, including one of the giant sea bass killed in the "No Take Zone." A \$25,000 community projects grant by Supervisor Pam Slater-Price, approved by the Board of Supervisors in late January, assists La Jolla Park & Recreation Inc. with the latest additions.



AROUND AND ABOUT IN THE THIRD DISTRICT

WATER FLOWS AS LAGOON RETURNS TO NATURAL STATE

Supervisor Pam Slater-Price observes the latest developments at the San Dieguito Lagoon, where work on the restoration of the vital wetlands hit a milestone in late January. The 45-acre tidal basin was opened to the ocean, which is designed to encourage migrating birds and fish to populate the area. The \$86 million San Dieguito Lagoon Wetlands Restoration Project involves 440 acres. The river valley itself runs 55 miles, from the coast near Del Mar and Solana Beach east to the headwaters on Volcan Mountain near Julian. The project is being paid for by Southern California Edison as mitigation for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station in the very northwest tip of San Diego County. This is at no taxpayer expense.

Supervisor Slater-Price played an instrumental part in bringing the restoration project to fruition. This restoration is an important cornerstone of environmental protection along the coast and its waterways.

By restoring the lagoon and river valley, San Diego County is creating a new recreational area that is attracting national attention and accolades for its conservation effort and dedication to open space. Residents will have new trails to hike and enjoy, improving their quality-of-life. The river park will also attract nature lovers, assisting the region's economy.

For more on this project, visit the project website at www.sdlagoon.com.



Slater-Price Promotes Healthy Heart Effort



Supervisor Pam Slater-Price presents a county proclamation to Diane York-Goldman, American Heart Association volunteer and chair of the 2008 Circle of Red campaign (left), and Erica Cacas, American Heart Association director of advocacy.

Heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases are the No. 1 killer of women in San Diego County, killing more than 3,400 mothers, daughters, wives and sisters each year.

To raise awareness of the devastating effects of cardiovascular disease, as well as the steps that can be taken to reduce this risk, the Board of Supervisors proclaimed Feb. 1 as "National Wear Red Day."

Supervisor Pam Slater-Price urged all San Diegans to show their support for women and the fight against heart disease.

"By increasing awareness and empowering women to reduce their risk for cardiovascular disease, we can save thousands of lives each year," she said.

Diane York-Goldman, American Heart Association volunteer and chair of the 2008 Circle of Red, stressed that recent data shows that huge steps have been taken in the fight against heart disease and stroke, but the fact remains the No. 1 killer in our communities continues to be cardiovascular disease.

"Heart disease kills more women than the next five causes of death combined, yet only 21 percent of women view heart disease as a health threat," she said.

American Heart Month, nationally designated by presidential proclamation each year, raises awareness of cardiovascular disease and encourages all Americans to learn more about its risk factors, its various warning signs, and lifesaving emergency response techniques.

For more information about the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women movement, visit www.GoRedForWomen.org.

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Slater-Price is a former planning commissioner, councilwoman and mayor of the City of Encinitas. She was elected to the Board of Supervisors in November 1992.

In the Events & Programs announcement the Alumni Association wrote that Slater-Price "has established a reputation as an advocate for open-space preservation, economic growth, increased transportation spending, law enforcement, animal welfare, arts promotion, and programs protecting victims of domestic violence."

Slater-Price has been instrumental in helping the county maintain a \$4.3 billion budget, with a combined reserve of more than \$760 million, high bond ratings, spending one-time money on one-time projects and funding capital projects with cash in hand. This has allowed county government to weather state cutbacks over the years.

Additional information on the 2008 Monty Awards is found at www.alumni.sdsu.edu/montys.



FESTIVAL OCCASION

Supervisor Pam Slater-Price presents a county proclamation to Pam Dea Hurston and Pat Launer during the 11th annual Patté Awards for theater excellence, which took place on Monday evening, Jan. 14. Launer created the awards show to celebrate the best in San Diego theater. She is also the host of the gala. Photo/John Pryor

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alone – the time has come to step up with a more regional, multi-faceted approach."

Supervisors Slater-Price and Bill Horn brought the resolution to form the commission to the Board of Supervisors in January, which approved it on an unanimous vote. The panel will have seven appointed members, two of which will be chosen by Supervisor Slater-Price.

North County has more than 1,500 individuals identified as a member of one of 21 gangs. Supervisor Slater-Price stressed that a coordinated, unified effort will be needed to break up this influence.

"This commission will be in charge of forming a regional plan to fight gang violence in North County," she explained. "The crime free-for-all is over and we want to send a clear message to gang members that we aim to break up their networks."

One area that will be targeted is gang involvement in drugs and especially drug trafficking.

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